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In re Application of:)	D -
G. Lang et al.) Group Art Unit: 1751	RECEIVED
Application No.: 09/350,579) Examiner: M. Elnsmann	JUN 2 0 2002
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For: COMPOSITION FOR DYEING KERATIN FIBRES WITH A CATIONIC

DIRECT DYE AND A THICKENING POLYMER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

We, Gérard Lang and Jean Cotteret, state that we are the named applicants of the above identified application and that we are the continuations of the statistic matter described and claimed therein. Prior to May 6, 1998, we had completed in France the invention as described and claimed in the above-identified application as evidenced by the following:

- Exhibit A: Laboratory Notebook Pages 221-223 of Gérard Lang, showing, in example 1, a composition comprising Colorant 1 and DAPRAL T212, when applied to locks of natural gray hair for 30 minutes, produced dyed-hair having a bright red color (actual dates have been redacted from this document);
- 2. The present specification at page 18, line 1, showing a compound identical to Colorant 1 of Exhibit A;

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- 3. The present specification at page 55, line 12, stating that DAPRAL T212 of Exhibit A is a nonionic amphiphilic polymer comprising at least one hydrophilic unit and at least one unit containing a fatty chain; and
- 4. Example 1 of the present specification, at pages 68-70, summarizing, in the English language, some details of example 1 of Exhibit A.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing thereon.

Dated: May 11, 2002

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